Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0024] of the specification with the following amended

paragraph [0024]:

[0024]   FIG. 1 is a diagram that illustrates hierarchically-organized data. In FIG. 1, root 102

is the root node; container 104, container 106, and container 110, and container 116 are container

nodes; and file 108, file 112, file 114, file 116, and empty container 104 are leaf nodes. Container

104 is illustrated as an empty container node, e.g., a folder containing no files, and is, therefore,

considered a leaf node. FIG. 1 is a simplified representation of a set of hierarchically-structured

data, because the structure of XML data that is stored in an XML repository (see XDB 304 of

FIG. 3) within a database management system (see DBMS 302 of FIG. 3) is typically much more

complex.